of fertilizers from these undertakings during 1991-92 and that anticipated during 1992-93 are as follows:—

	(Qty. in '000' tonnes) 1991-92	1992-93 (anticipated)
Nitrogen	4749.0	4706.1
Phosphates	1081.7	1013.4

(d) FCI and HFC are the parennial loss making concerns among the undertakings referred to in reply to (a) above.

(e) FCI and HFC have been declared sick by the board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), BIFR has asked the Government to come up with viable rehabilititation package in respect of above companies by 31st March, 1993. Under the rehabilitation package, various options are being worked out for submission to BIFR.

(f) The total budgetary support given to the fertilizer companies during 1991-92 and provided for the year 1992-93 is as follows:—

Year	Budgetary support (Rs. in crores)
1991-92 (actuals)	116.00
1992-93 (Revised estimates)	229.38

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Loss on Account of Demurrage

379. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have suffered Rs. 25 crore on account of demurrage resulting from delay in unloading of imported firtilizers from ships of the Companies handling these nutrients;

(b) if so, the details of such losses incurred during the last 3 years/year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken in each case; and

(d) the amount spent on litigation and compensation paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) and (d) For all demurrages on account of delays in the unloading of finished fertilisers arriving on Government account, the responsibility is that of the handling agents. The demurrages relating to waiting vessals prior to berthing are, however, on Government account, wherever Government are the consignee. In the Post-berthing delays, the payments of demurrages are made initially by the Government to the ship owners and the same are later realised from the handling agents. The total amounts of demurrages paid on account of pre and post-berthing delays during the last three years are given below:

	(Rs. in crores)
1989-90	1.89
1990-91	3.97
1991-92	1.62

A litigation case involving disputes pertaining to demurrages also often includes other claims. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate separately the amount spent on litigation relating to demurrages alone.

Non-Depositing of P.F. contribution by H.F.C.

380. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIMIE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Provident Fund contributions of employees of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (Durgapur unit) have not been deposited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to regularise it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (c) The Provident Fund contribution of the employees of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) (Durgapur unit) pertaining to the salaries of December, 1992 and January, 1993, could not be deposited by HFC due to fund constraints. This would be deposited by the Corporation as soon as the liquidity position improves.